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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS:PEPR, ELAB, MZ, LT
SUBJECT: VISIT OF MOZAMBIQUE FONMIN TO MASERU

1. THE MOZAMBIQUE FOREIGN MINISTER, JOAQUIN CHISSANO, VISITED MASERU DURING WEEK OF MARCH 15. IT WAS BASICALLY A FAMILIARIZATION TOUR AND THERE WAS NO PRESS RELEASE ON HIS DEPARTURE.

2. THE MAJOR ITEM OF DISCUSSION WAS MIGRANT LABOR TO SOUTH AFRICA. BOTH GOL AND GOM FEEL THAT A JOINT APPROACH TO SAG WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN OBTAINING IMPROVEMENTS IN WORKING CONDITIONS (INCLUDING HOUSING FOR FAMILIES) AND TERMS OF CONTRACTS. ANOTHER ITEM WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AIR ROUTE BETWEEN MASERU AND MAQLMO, WITH A STOP IN SWAZILAND. HOWEVER, THIS MAY BE DEPENDENT INTER ALIA ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN LESOTHO. AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST, SUCH AS RECOGNITION OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IN ZIMBABWE, WERE ALSO DISCUSSED. THIS SEEMED TO BE AN EFFORT AT REAFFIRMING COMMON BONDS AND ESTABLISHING FURTHER
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3. COMMENT: THIS WAS GOM FOREIGN MINISTER'S FIRST VISIT TO LESOTHO AND APPEARS TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE TO ESTABLISH AND STRENGTHEN CONTACTS MORE THAN TO PURSUE MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE. HE WAS WELL RECEIVED AND MET MOST OF THE MINISTERS, EVEN THOUGH HIS VISIT TOOK PLACE AT A BUSY TIME (MOSHOESHOE DAY AND

CONTINUING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSION). HALLWAY GOSSIP AT GOL
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS ALL POSITIVE. THE POSSIBLE USE OF
MAPUOT OIL REFINERY AND POSSIBLE OIL EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA
DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED DURING THE VISIT.
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